

I manage 2 radio stations in Waynesville-St. Robert, Missouri. We are in communities of less than 5,000 people. As you can imagine, I have a very small staff to run a 24 hour FM station and a 5am to midnight (67 watts after local sunset) AM station. Both operate with separate programming. We do local news hourly on each station, cover two city councils, county government meetings, court news, and multiple school boards, cover severe weather in the field when it breaks out and provide local sports play by play from 10 area schools with a staff of 6 fulltime air staff and 2 part-timers. My staff is so busy that I would have to hire an additional person to operate and administer a taping system for each station (remember we offer separate programming on each station). The cost to hire someone, then buy equipment to store 60 to 90 days worth of programming for both stations is just cost prohibitive. Unless I have missed something, the small market broadcasters are not the problem but are being treated as if we were. In our market, we are well aware of community standards and our staff would not cross that line. They know that if they did, they will be looking for employment elsewhere. Please, throw this idea of required recording of programming in the trash can. We are under enough economic pressure in our small markets as it is.

Thank you for your consideration.

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